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Applicant(s) : Karl FRAUHAMMER et al.

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For : SNAP RING

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Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
37 C.F.R. § 1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT**

SIR:

Please amend without prejudice the above-identified application before examination,
as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), a Substitute Specification (including the
Abstract, but without claims) accompanies this response. It is respectfully requested that the
Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be entered to replace the Specification of record.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Without prejudice, please cancel original claims 1 to 9. Please also cancel claim
1 in the annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report, and add new claims 10 to 16 as
follows:

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10. (New) A snap ring for shafts or bores fixable in axial position by snapping into a
circumferential groove, the snap ring comprising:

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